



Cal/EPA's Advisory Committee on Environmental Justice



Advisory Committee Members Biographies

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION - 2

Eva Vasquez-Camacho

**United Farm Workers of America
Bakersfield, CA**

Eva Vasquez-Camacho is the community representative on behalf of the United Farm Workers of America. As an apprentice to Cesar Chavez, Mrs. Vasquez-Camacho has participated in the areas of contract management, worker training, grievance, arbitration preparation and departmental management. Mrs. Vasquez-Camacho held the position of Census 2000 director for Kern County and was also director for the Central Valley in the effort to defeat Proposition 38. She currently works for Kern County Supervisor Pete Parra, doing community outreach and constituent services in largely farm worker communities. Mrs. Vasquez-Camacho serves in varied capacities on numerous community organizations and non-profit corporations including The National Farm Workers Service Center, Inc., The League of Women Voters, Kern County Youth Mariachi Foundation, The South Valley Partners-a Community Economic Development Partnership, State Task Force for Culturally and Linguistically Competent Physicians and Dentists. Mrs. Vasquez-Camacho studied five years at Cal Poly State University in San Luis Obispo in the Political Science Program.

Diane Takvorian

**Environmental Health Coalition
San Diego, CA**

Diane Takvorian is the Founder and the Executive Director for the Environmental Health Coalition (EHC), a non-profit, environmental organization dedicated to achieving environmental and social justice. The primary focus of EHC is on protecting public health and the environment threatened by toxic pollution through efforts that create a just society to foster a healthy and sustainable quality of life. EHC works with disenfranchised communities to promote empowerment through community organization and policy advocacy. EHC has developed projects which address: air toxic pollution; lead poisoning prevention; sustainable community development; San Diego Bay Pollution; and cross-border pollution.

Ms. Takvorian sits on various committees including Mayor Dick Murphy's Environmental Advisory Committee and the Border Environmental Cooperation Commission. Ms. Takvorian earned a bachelors of science in psychology and a Masters of Social Work with Public Policy, Community Organization, and Administration emphasis from San Diego State University.

ENVIRONMENTAL ORGANIZATION- 2

Carlos Porras

**Communities for a Better Environment
Huntington Park, CA**

Carlos Porras is Executive Director of Communities for a Better Environment (CBE), a twenty-three year old environmental health and justice organization with over 20,000 members throughout California. CBE provides grassroots activism, environmental research and legal assistance to underserved communities. Mr. Porras launched the LA CAUSA campaign (Los Angeles Comunidades Asembladas Unidas para un Sostenible Ambiente, or Los Angeles Communities Assembled in Unity for a Sustainable Environment, LA CAUSE) in 1994 and oversaw the expansion of the Southern California Program and operations of CBE. Mr. Porras has more than thirty years of experience as a labor, community, and environmental leader and organizer. He is a member of the National Environmental Justice Advisory Council Health and Research Subcommittee and the South Coast Air Quality Management District Environmental Justice Task Force. Mr. Porras graduated from the UCLA's Community Scholars Program in Urban Planning.

Joe K. Lyou

California League of Conservation Voters Education Fund, Los Angeles, CA

Joseph K. Lyou is Interim Executive Director at the California Conservation League of Voters Education Fund, a non-profit public interest organization dedicated to making underrepresented voices heard in environmental policy making. Dr. Lyou has assisted community groups with a variety of environmental protection issues, including air and water pollution, site remediation and corrective action, radioactive waste, toxic materials, and environmental justice. He participates as a community representative on the California Department of Toxic Substances Control's External Advisory Group and Soil Vapor Treatment Technology Work Group and the California Air Resources Board's Neighborhood Assessment Program Stakeholders Group. Dr. Lyou specializes in issues related to research methods, statistics, open government laws, and environmental policy. Dr. Lyou earned a Ph.D. in Applied Social Psychology from the University of California Santa Cruz.



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ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ORGANIZATION – 2

LeVonne Stone

**Fort Ord Environmental Justice Network,
Monterey, CA**

Ms. Stone is the co-founder and executive director of the Fort Ord Environmental Justice Network (FOEJN). As a tireless community leader and activist, Ms. Stone has been involved in military facility restoration, clean-up, and re-use issues since 1992. She served as former chair of the Community Outreach Committee of the Fort Ord Restoration Advisory Board (RAB), as well as chair of the Buildings and Structures Committee. Ms. Stone currently serves as a consultant for Community and Tribal Subcommittee of the Board of Scientific Counselors with ASTDR. She has been active in numerous community functions, including coordinating the "I Have a Dream" committee for the Dr. Martin Luther King annual celebration for the City of Marina, CA, and serving on the Marina Redevelopment Advisory Committee. Ms. Stone held several positions in civil service with the Directorate of Logistics, BRAC Property Book Office, and the Department of Defense Accounting Services for the former Fort Ord facility. She received the "Unsung Hero Award" during her tenure with the Oceanography Department of the Naval Postgraduate School, and was a former commissioner of the Marina Improvement Committee.

Henry Clark

**West County Toxics Coalition
Richmond, CA**

Dr. Henry Clark is the Executive Director of West County Toxics. West County Toxics Coalition was founded as a community-based environmental justice organization in 1986 to empower residents of Richmond and western Contra Costa County to fight toxic exposure, protect the environment, and protect the health and safety of residents leaving near polluting industries and hazardous sites. As a community leader and activist, Dr. Clark has played a leadership role in shaping the environmental justice agenda in the Bay Area and nationally.

FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED NATIVE AMERICAN TRIBE –1

Dorothy M. Hallock

**Fort Mojave Indian Tribe
Needles, CA**

Dorothy Hallock is Planning Director for the Fort Mojave Indian Tribe, which has federal trust land in the states of California, Arizona, and Nevada. She advises the Tribal Council on land use and environmental planning. She has expertise in water resources planning and environmentally responsive design for arid regions. She works with many state and federal agencies to assess opportunities and impacts of concern to the Tribe, including transportation, housing, economic development, cultural resources, and community involvement. She has worked with Tribes throughout the Southwest for the past 18 years, and is a frequent speaker on Indian issues at planning conferences. She has written or edited numerous CEQA and NEPA compliance documents, including a federal EIS for a 500 megawatt gas fired power plant. She holds a BA in history from Stanford University, and an MLA in landscape architecture from the University of Oregon. She is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners.



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SMALL BUSINESS – 2

Donna Pittman

**Pittman & Associates
San Francisco, CA**

Donna Pittman is the Principal and founder of Pittman & Associates, a San Francisco based, small-business, woman and minority owned firm. Ms. Pittman has over 20 years of experience in urban planning, with combined expertise in transportation, land use and environmental planning. Ms. Pittman has worked on a wide range of projects, including transit-oriented development and capital improvement projects, as well as rail corridor, bus transit, parking, and intermodal facilities. Ms. Pittman has developed a strong knowledge and sensitivity to transportation, land use and environmental issues involving communities of color and the economically disadvantaged, and focuses much of her practice on creative innovative solutions to address these issues. She has drawn on her combined planning and community outreach expertise to develop a number of community-based studies related to transportation, land use and environmental issues throughout the San Francisco Bay Area and in Seattle, WA. Ms. Pittman holds a M.B.A. from Golden Gate University, a M.A. in City and Regional Planning from U.C. Berkeley, and a B.A. in Economics and Urban Studies from San Francisco State University.

Cynthia McClain-Hill

**McClain-Hill Associates
Los Angeles, CA**

Cynthia McClain-Hill, an experienced environmental and land-use attorney, political observer and media analyst/commentator, is Managing Partner of McClain-Hill Associates, a law firm specializing in Land Use, Planning and Environmental Law, Public and Administrative Law. Additionally, Ms. McClain has considerable experience in the business sector having served as a Vice President of CS First Boston, a New York-based investment banking firm, where she specialized in the area of municipal finance. Ms. McClain-Hill is currently Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors of the National Health Foundation and a member of the UCLA Foundation Board of Councillors, and supports a host of charitable organizations aimed at enhancing opportunities for women and minorities. She served on the Los Angeles Community Redevelopment Agency Board and currently serves as the Governor of California's appointee to the California Coastal Commission.

Ms. McClain-Hill attended the University of California at Los Angeles where she obtained both a bachelors of arts degree in Political Science and a Juris Doctorate from its School of Law.

LARGE BUSINESS - 2

Robert L. Harris

**Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E)
San Francisco, CA**

Robert Harris is currently the Vice President for Environmental Affairs for Pacific, Gas, and Electric (PG&E). Mr. Harris has worked at PG&E since 1972. He has occupied various positions, among them Attorney, Executive Assistant to the President and, Vice-President for Community Relations. In his position as Vice-President of Environmental Affairs at PG&E, Mr. Harris oversees PG&E's environmental programs and initiatives and is responsible for the utility's compliance with local, state and federal environmental laws. He is also responsible for the company's remediation work and its focus on environmental leadership, which assures a careful balance with regards to commerce, the growth of natural resources and environmental protection. Mr. Harris serves on U.S. EPA's National Environmental Justice Advisory Council (NEJAC) as well as the National Environmental Policy Commission and U.S. EPA's Environmental Justice Training Collaborative. Mr. Harris graduated from Merritt College in 1963 and from San Francisco State University in 1965. He received his Juris Doctor Degree in 1972 from the School of Law at Berkeley (Boalt Hall).

Cindy K. Tuck

**California Council for
Environmental and Economic Balance (CCEEB)
Sacramento, CA**

Cindy K. Tuck is the General Counsel to the California Council for Environmental and Economic Balance (CCEEB). CCEEB is a nonprofit, nonpartisan coalition of business, labor and public leaders which works to advance policies that protect the environment and allow for economic growth in California. In addition to providing legal counsel to CCEEB, Ms. Tuck manages CCEEB's Air Quality Project and Bay Area Partnership and is a registered lobbyist for CCEEB.

Her policy areas of focus include air quality, environmental justice, water quality, and hazardous materials. Previously, Ms. Tuck worked for Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E) as a civil engineer in the Environmental Services Department. In that capacity she represented PG&E in negotiations on environmental legislation and regulations and planned for compliance for new environmental requirements. Ms. Tuck is CCEEB's representative on the ARB's Neighborhood Assessment Program Stakeholders Group. She has served as a business representative on the Bay Area Quality Management District's Environmental Justice Working Group. Ms. Tuck holds a Juris Doctorate Degree from Mc George School of Law, University of the Pacific and a Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering and a Master's Degree in Environmental Engineering, both from the University of Illinois.



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PLANNING AGENCIES – 2

Detrich Allen

**City of Los Angeles - Dept of Environmental Affairs
Los Angeles, CA**

Detrich Allen is the General Manager of the City of Los Angeles Environmental Affairs Department (EAD). As the chief advisor on environmental matters to the City of Los Angeles, EAD recommends environmental policies, coordinates implementation of environmental initiatives, and provides a centralized source of environmental information and educational programs. Mrs. Allen played a key role in the U.S. Department of Energy's designation of the City of Los Angeles as a "Clean City" under the Clean Cities Program. She was also responsible in conjunction with the Mayor's Office of Economic Development for the implementation of the "Los Angeles Brownsfields Initiative". In addition, as past Air Quality Director, she spearheaded the development of the Los Angeles Clean Air Program. Mrs. Allen currently serves on several committees of the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) and served on the SCAQMD's Environmental Justice Task Force. Mrs. Allen earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology from Tougaloo College and completed graduate studies in Environmental Science at Jackson State University.

James Kennedy

**Contra Costa County Redevelopment Agency
Martinez, CA**

James Kennedy is the Redevelopment Director for the Contra Costa Redevelopment Agency. Mr. Kennedy has been employed by Contra Costa County since 1976. He is responsible for the County's economic development and redevelopment programs, affordable housing finance programs, development finance, and community improvement programs. Activities include: transit-oriented development; economic development; housing finance; infrastructure financing; and public facility financing. Mr. Kennedy is currently the President of the Board of Directors of the Kennedy-King Memorial Scholarship Fund, and member of the Board of the Martinez Education Foundation, and the Martinez Community Foundation. Mr. Kennedy has a bachelors of arts degree in Economics and a masters degree in Environmental Economics from San Diego State University.

CERTIFIED UNIFIED PROGRAM AGENCY (CUPAs) – 2

William Jones

**Los Angeles County Fire Dept-Health Haz Mat Division
Los Angeles, CA**

William Jones is the Chief of the Los Angeles County Health Hazardous Materials Division. The Los Angeles County Fire Department's Health Hazardous Materials Division regulates generation and onsite treatment of hazardous waste throughout the Los Angeles County. The Health Hazardous Division has been involved with Environmental Justice not only through community activities and concerns but also through recent efforts in conjunction with the US Environmental Protection Agency. Mr. Jones received his undergraduate degree from the University of California, Los Angeles in 1978. He received his Masters Degree in Environmental & Occupational Health from the California State University, Northridge

Michael Dorsey

**San Diego County – Dept of Environmental Health San
Diego, CA**

Michael Dorsey, is the Chief of the Hazardous Materials Division for the San Diego County Department of Environmental Health. Mr. Dorsey is responsible for overseeing the Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA) programs; the medical waste management inspection program; the border hazardous waste contract; the emergency response services program; and the radiological health program. He serves as the alternate health representative on Region VI's Local Emergency Response Planning Commission (LEPC) and chairs Region VI's Administering Agency Subcommittee. Mr. Dorsey is LEPC Region VI's representative on the California State Emergency Response Commission. Mr. Dorsey is the Vice Chairman of the California CUPA Forum Board and the California CUPA Forum Board Hazardous Waste Issue Coordinator. He also represents the California CUPA Forum Board on the California State Strategic Committee on the Terrorism Chemical Subcommittee. Mr. Dorsey holds a Bachelor of Science degree from San Diego State University and a certificate in Hazardous Materials Management from the University of California, San Diego



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AIR DISTRICT – 2

Barbara Lee

Northern Sonoma County Air Pollution Control District Healdsburg, CA

Barbara Lee is the Air Pollution Control Officer for the Northern Sonoma County Pollution Control District. In that capacity, she is responsible for planning, developing, and implementing air quality programs for the air district. Other responsibilities include prioritizing and overseeing permitting, compliance, and enforcement efforts. Ms. Lee has taken the lead in establishing air toxics regulations for new and existing stationary resources; developing public outreach and education programs; completion of the first training seminar for land-use planners on air pollution, toxic risk and environmental justice; and establishing a community monitoring program in response to community concerns about exposure to diesel particulate exhaust. As past President of the California Air Pollution Control Officers Association (CAPCOA), Ms. Lee represented CAPCOA on the California Air Resources Board's Environmental Justice Task Force. Mrs. Lee holds a degree in Chemical Engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Barry R. Wallerstein

South Coast Air Quality Management District, Diamond Bar, CA:

Barry R. Wallerstein is the Executive Officer of the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD). Under the SCAQMD Governing Board, Mr. Wallerstein developed and executed the workplan to implement the Board's Environmental Justice Initiatives. As past Deputy Executive Officer for Planning, Transportation Programs and Information Management at SCAQMD, Mr. Wallerstein was responsible for overseeing activities relating to regional air quality planning, environmental and socioeconomic impact analysis and the District's transportation programs. As a member of the ARB's Neighborhood Assessment Program Stakeholders Group, he assisted the California Air Resources Board with the development of their recently drafted Environmental Justice Guidelines. He also currently serves as President of the California Air Pollution Control Officers Association (CAPCOA). Mr. Wallerstein holds a doctorate in environmental science and engineering from the University of California at Los Angeles and M.S., and B.S. degrees in biological science.